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1. PAN AMERICAN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES MARTINEZ AND LONGORIA CALLED ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS JORGE SEAMAN SEPTEMBER 17 TO INQUIRE CONCERNING THE STATUS OF PANAM'S OPERATIONS PERCGT WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 20. MARTINEZ SAID SEAMAN, WHO APPEARED NOT WELL BRIEFED ON THE ISSUE, CALLED VICE PRESIDENT DR. MAYORGA RIVAS DURING THE CALL AND AFTER THEIR CONVERSATION SAID PANAM WOULD BE GIVEN A TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR THIRTY DAYS, I.E., UNTIL OCTOBER 20. THE REASON GIVEN WAS THE NEED BY THE NEW GOES COMMITTEE, FORMED TO EXAMINE ALL PERMITS, TO COMPLETE ITS STUDY.

2. IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE ECON OFFICER, MARTINEZ SAID HE HAS RECEIVED NO INTIMATIONS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WHICH COULD BE HOLDING UP THE PERMIT ISSUANCE. DESPITE ALL THE PREVIOUS TALK BY TACA OF SEEKING IN THE NEXT PANAM PERMIT A CRITERION OF CAPACITY IN LIEU OF OR IN ADDITION TO NUMBERS OF ROUTES AND FREQUENCIES, NOTHING RECENTLY HAS BEEN MENTIONED TO PANAM OF CAPACITY NOR HAS PANAM HEARD ANYTHING ADVERSE TO THE PERMIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO TACA SINCE THE PANAM EXECUTIVE VISIT. THE GOES IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING A NEW AVIATION LAW AND THE LOCAL AIRLINES, DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN, HAVE UNTIL SOMETIME IN EARLY OCTOBER TO RESPOND WITH COMMENTS
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TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. BUT MARTINEZ DOES NOT LINK ANY DELAY OF THE PERMIT WITH THE PROPOSED LAW, WHICH IF

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IT MOVES AT USUAL SPEED, MAY NOT SEE A 1973 DATE.
ESSENTIALLY, THEREFORE, IT APPEARS THAT THIS EXPECTED
TEMPORARY PERMIT IS ONLY ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF DELAYED ADMINISTRATIVE
WHEEL TURNING.
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